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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Thursday, July 09, 2015

Issued: 0800 CT

**Day 1 Hazards: Flash flood watch through this evening
over NE OK/NW AR**

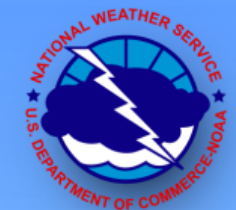
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Key Points



Today

- Flash flood watch through this evening over NE OK/NW AR
- A few strong to severe storms from NM into OK along with localized flash flooding
- Locally heavy rain/areas of flash flooding over NM, especially in/near burn scar locations.

Friday

- A few strong to severe storms across the TX/OK Panhandles into NE NM
- Seasonal “monsoon” over NM with afternoon/evening thunderstorms possible.
 - Locally heavy rain possible with flash flooding in/near burn scarred areas.

Saturday - Monday

- Isolated to scattered storms over NM - isolated areas of heavy rain/flash flooding possible Sun and Mon

Tropical Outlook

- Tropical cyclone formation is not expected during the next 5 days

*FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Jul 9, 2015 - Jul 13, 2015

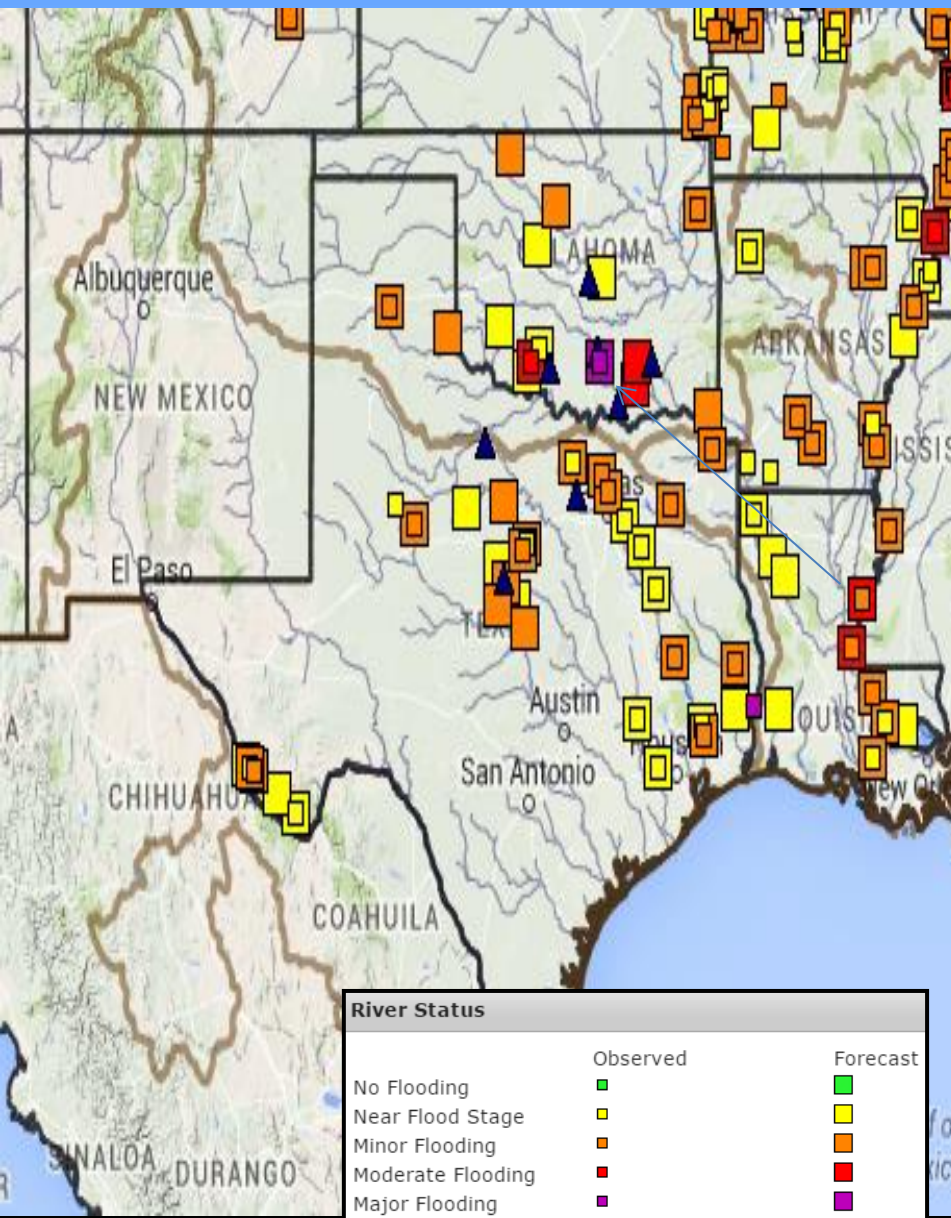
DAY/ THREAT	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
Severe Storms	OK, TX Panhandle, NM	OK/TX Panhandles, NE NM			
Heavy Rain /Flash Flooding	NE OK/NW AR, NM	NM		NM	NM
Tropical					
River Flooding	E TX/AR/LA				

	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

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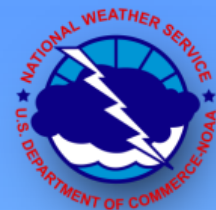
Current River Status / Near Term Forecast



- Washita River near Dickson, OK crested overnight in major flood stage at 32.9 feet with a slow fall forecast (crest on June 19, 2015 was 48.7 feet).
- Moderate river flooding forecast for a few points in OK with mainly agricultural impacts
 - Little River near Sasakwa
 - Little River near Tecumseh
 - Deep Red Creek near Randlett
- Lower MS River Valley will continue to see rises into the moderate stage by next week along the LA/MS border
- All river points in E TX/LA/AR are at or below minor flood stage

For latest river stages/forecasts, go to <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/rfcexp/main.php?fs=1>

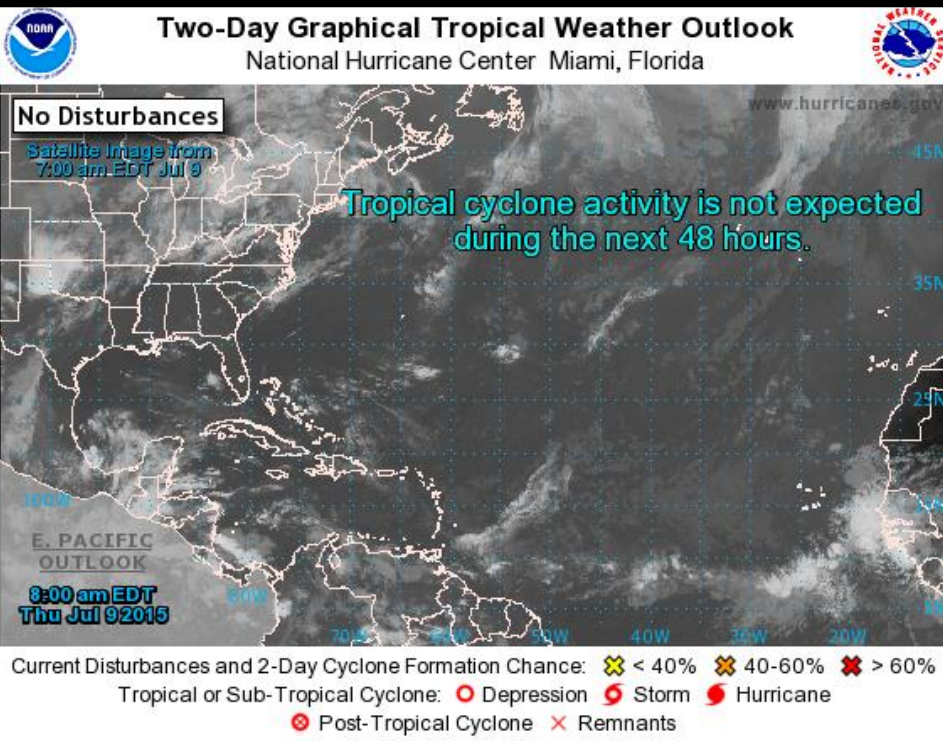
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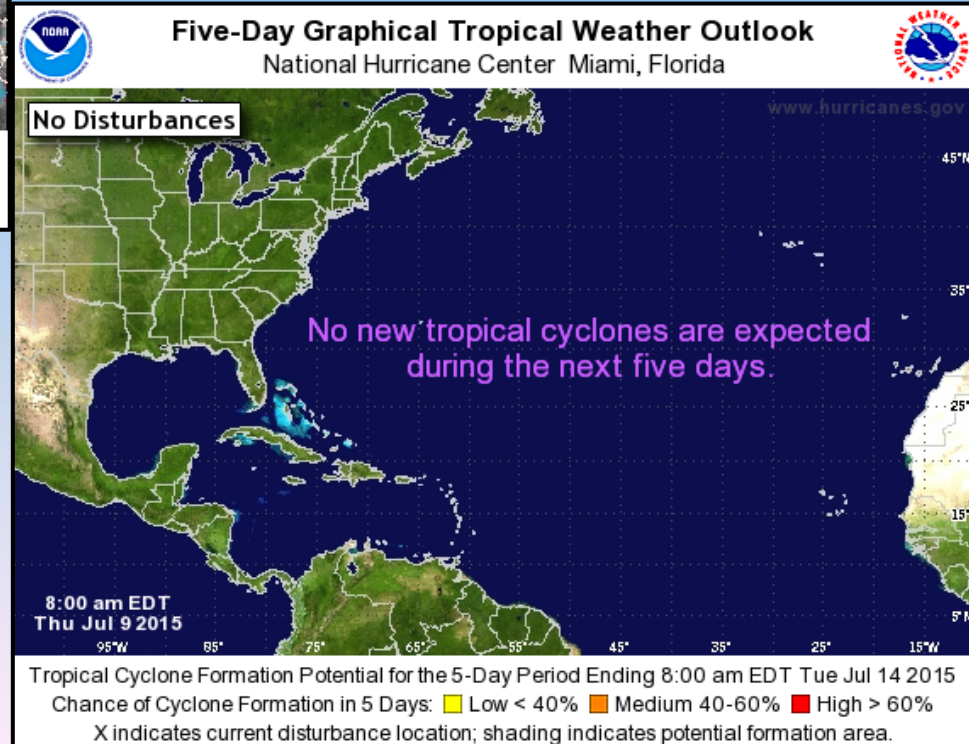
Weather "Threat" Matrix

Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	Very Common – Happens Often Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX
Yellow	Common – Happens Frequently Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1" hail
Orange	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail
Red	Rare – Once every 1-5 Years Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail
Purple	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically results in Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms

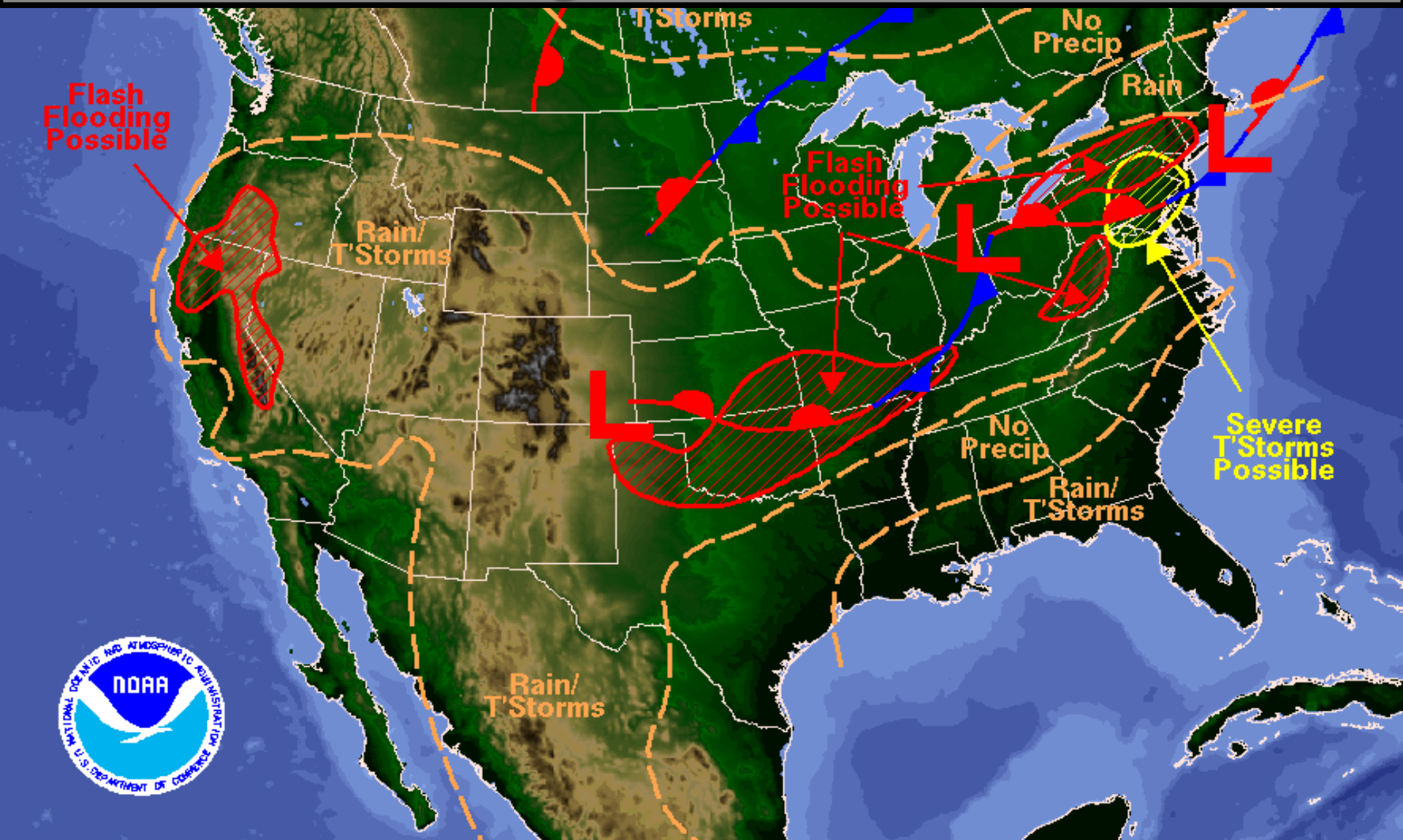
Atlantic/Gulf Tropical Weather Outlook



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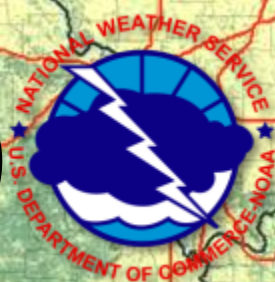
Today's Weather



Weather Forecast for Thu, Jul 09, 2015, issued 4:47 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
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Day 1 Weather Hazards

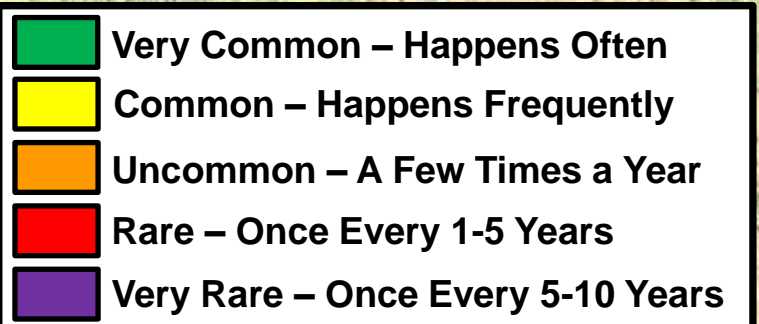
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Flash
flooding
possible

Marginal risk of severe
thunderstorms with gusty
winds/hail possible along with
areas of localized flash flooding

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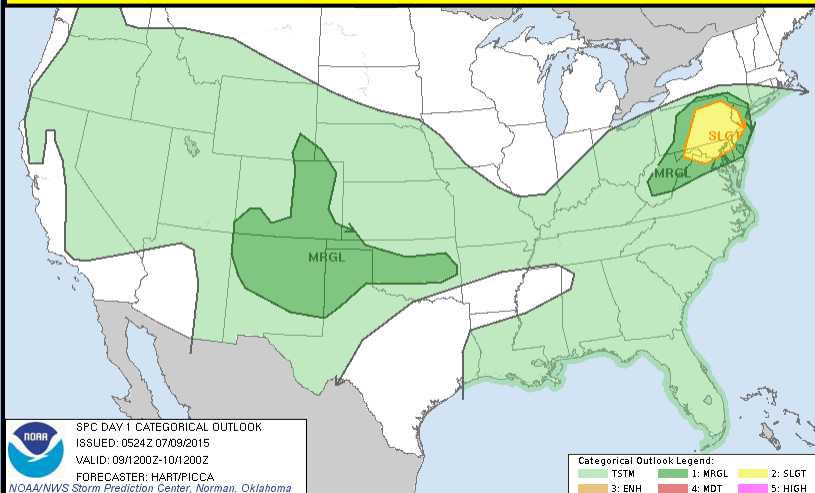


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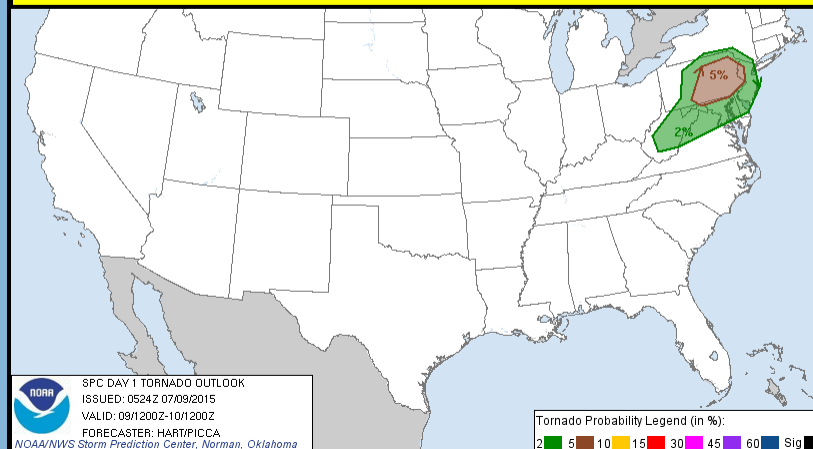
Severe Thunderstorm Potential



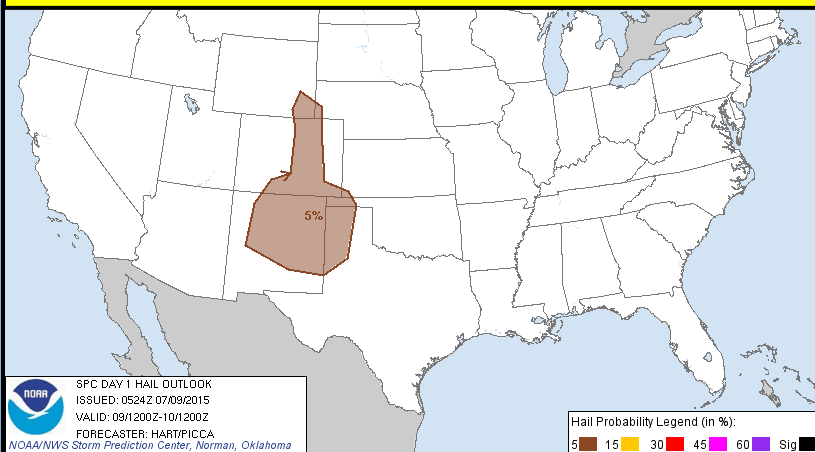
Overall Threat Potential



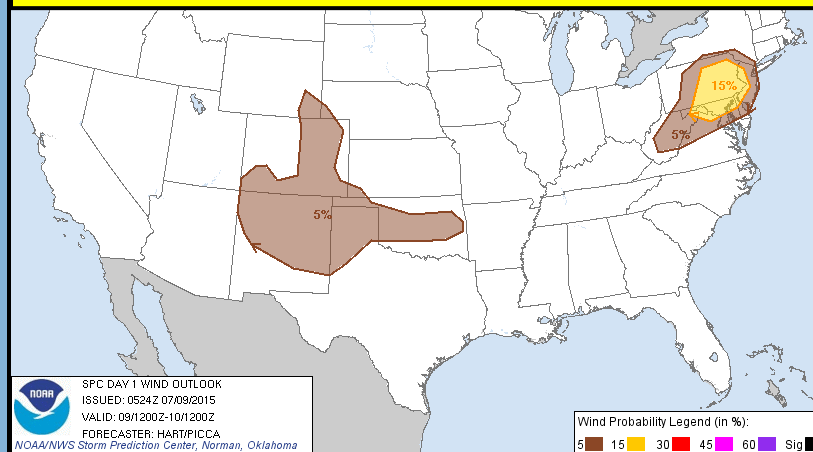
Probability of Tornado within 25 miles of a point



Probability of Damaging Hail within 25 miles of a point



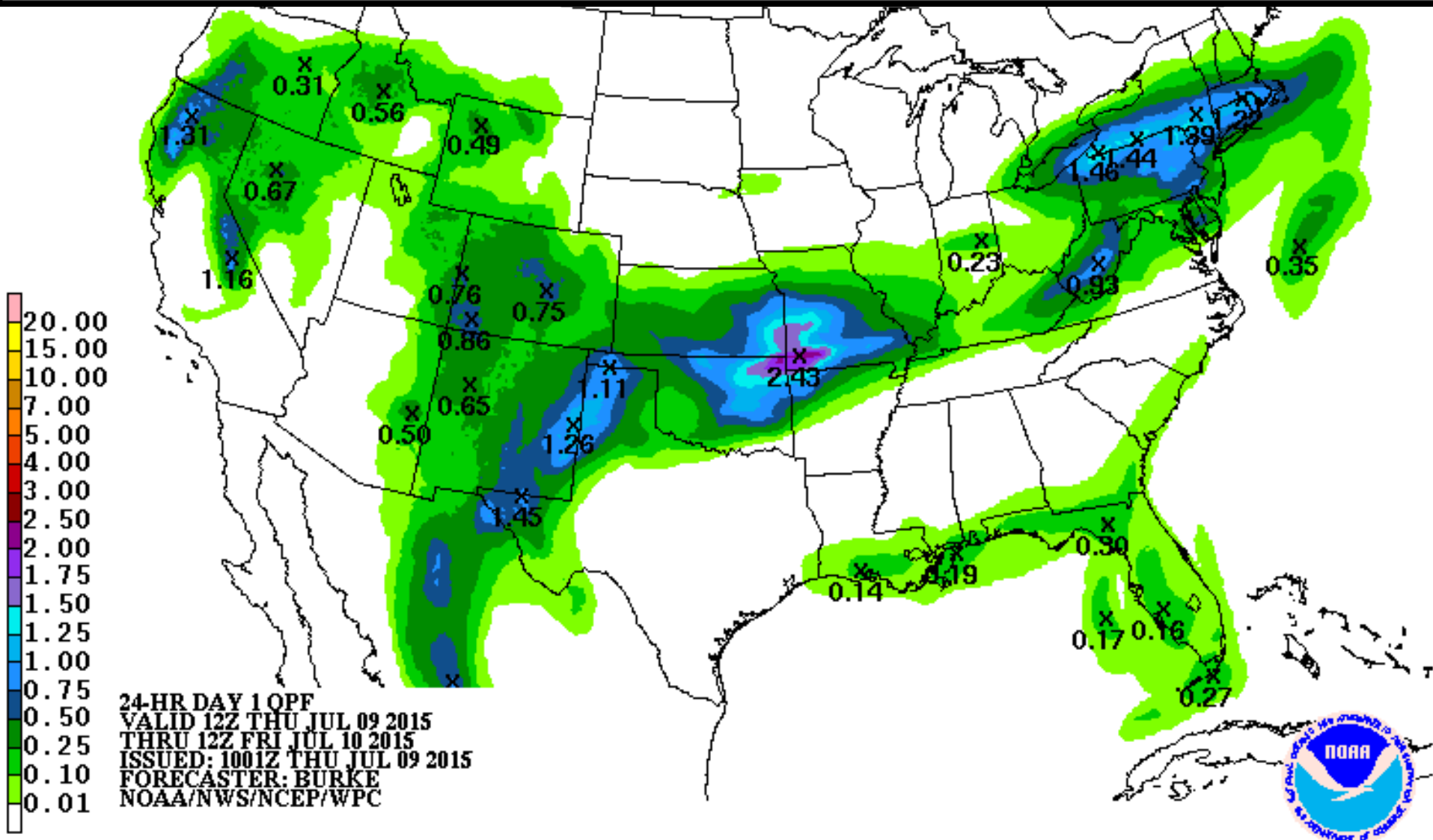
Probability of Damaging Winds within 25 miles of a point



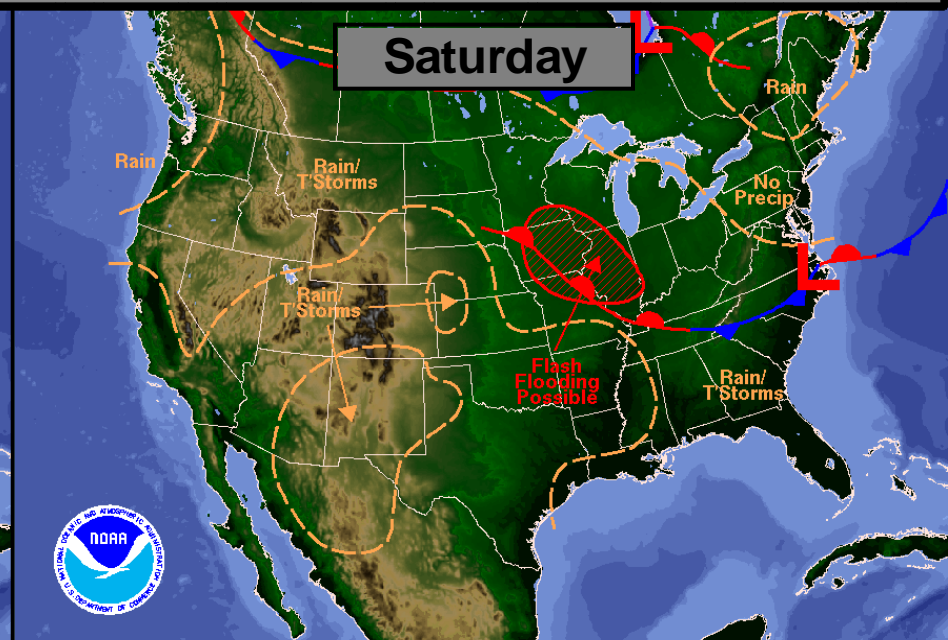
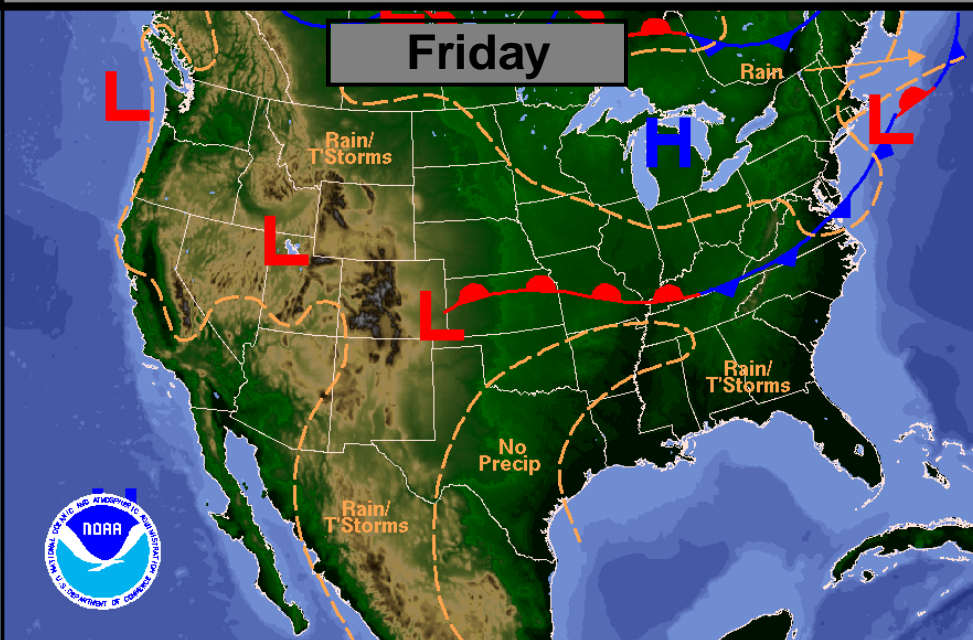
Building a Weather-Ready Nation

Today's Precipitation

Thu AM - Fri AM

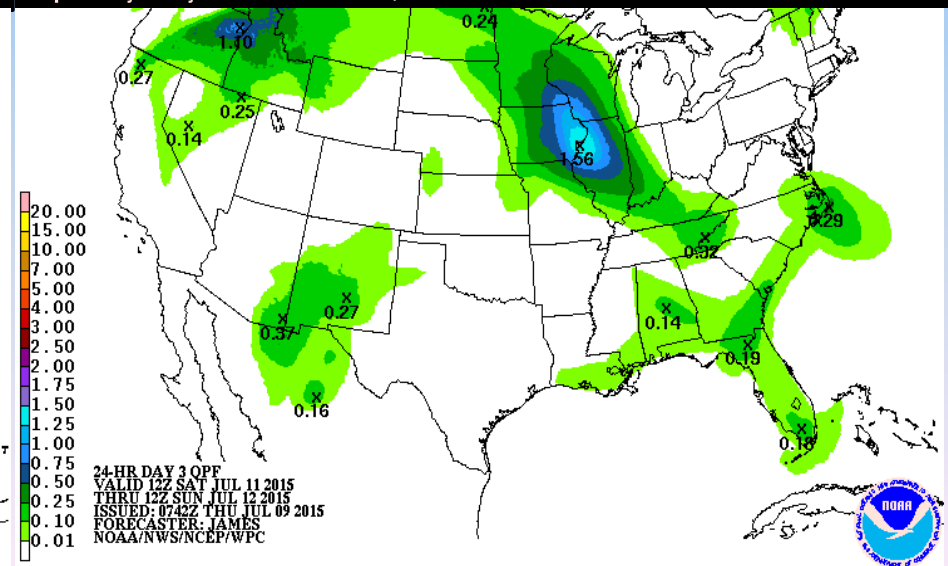
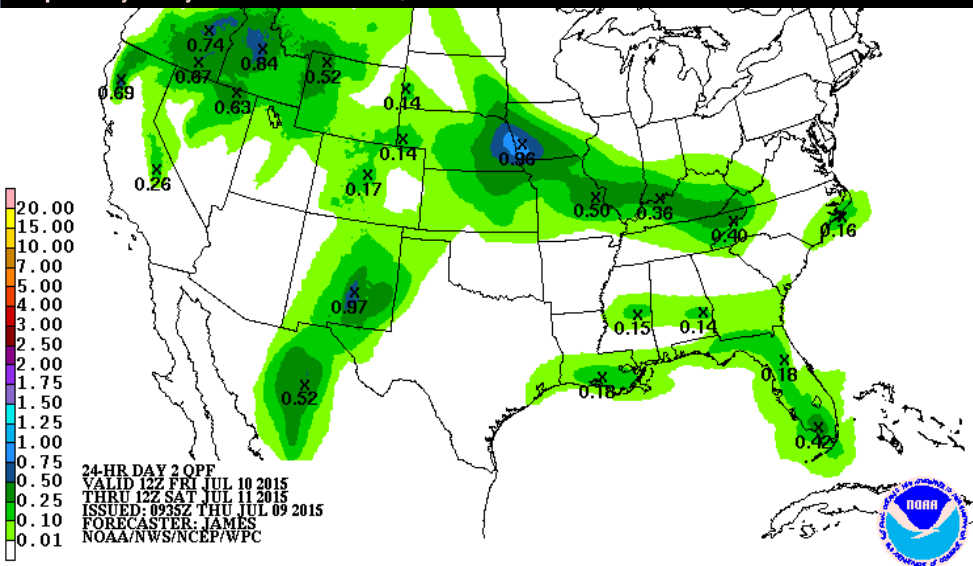


Day 2-3 Weather Maps/Precipitation



Weather Forecast for Fri, Jul 10, 2015, issued 4:53 AM EDT Thu, Jul 09, 2015
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Weather Forecast for Sat, Jul 11, 2015, issued 5:04 AM EDT Thu, Jul 09, 2015
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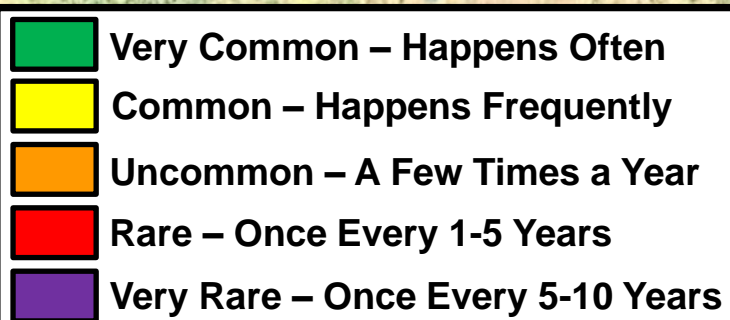


Day 2-3 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Fri - 0800 Sun



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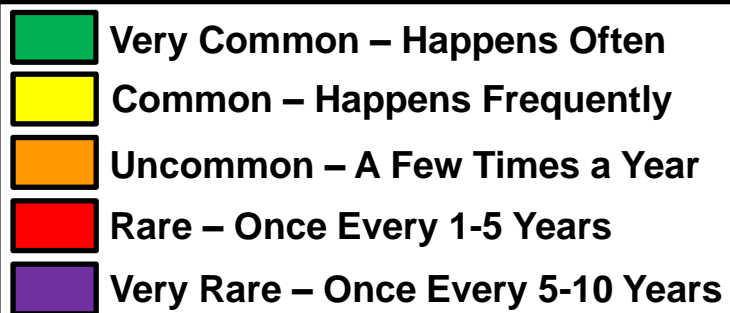
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Day 4-5 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Sun - 0800 Tue



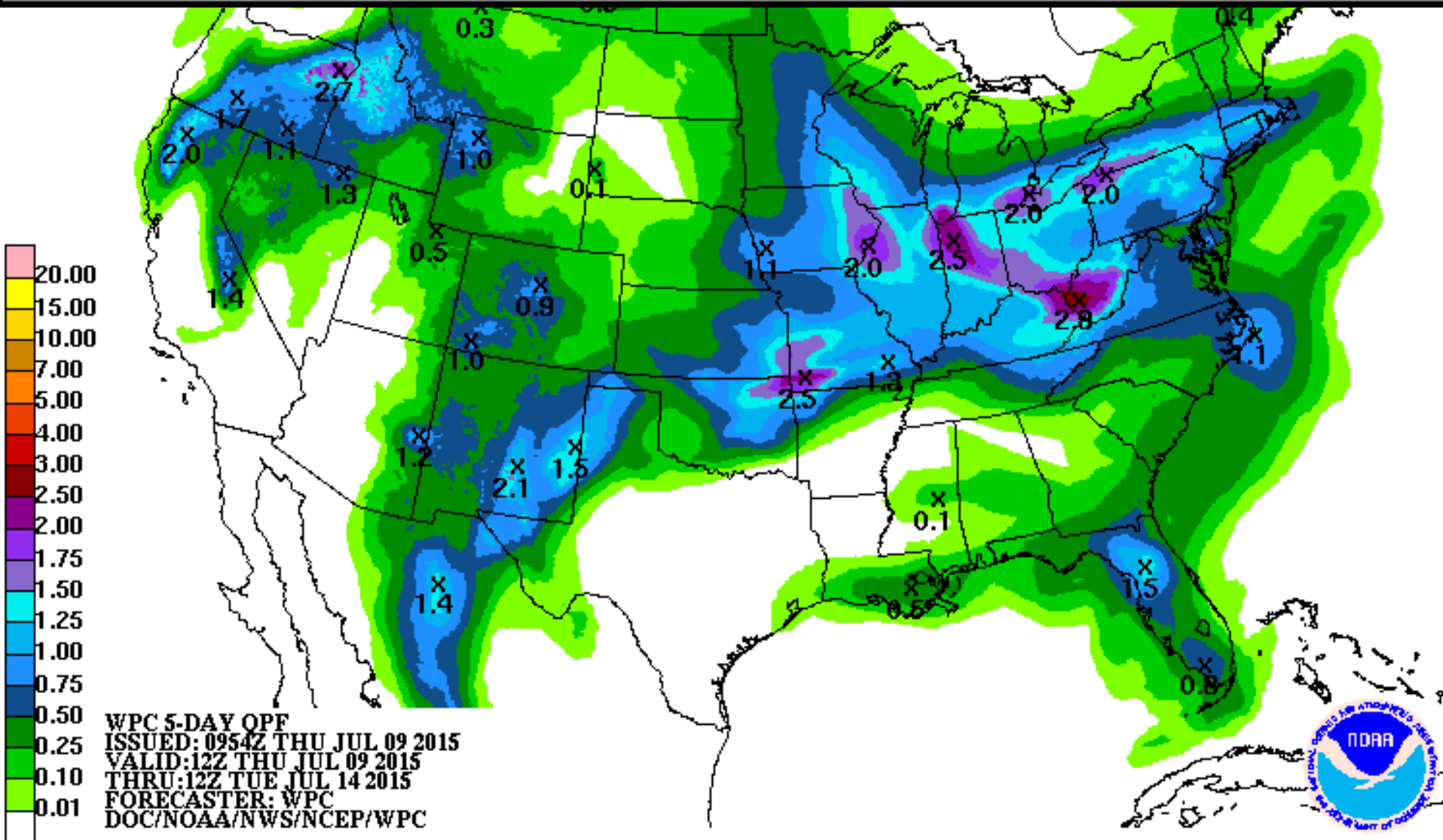
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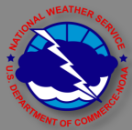


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5-Day Precipitation

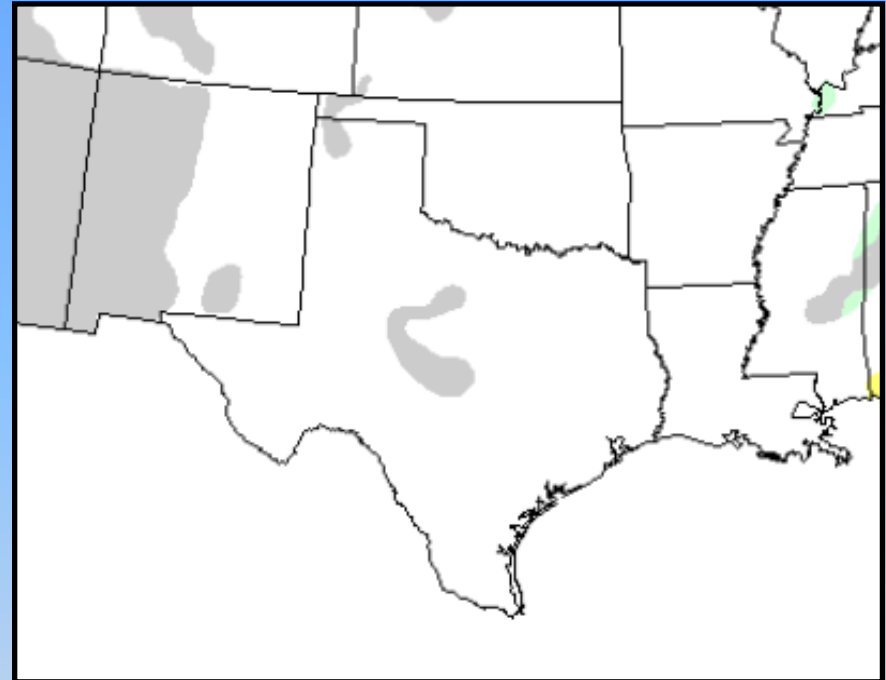
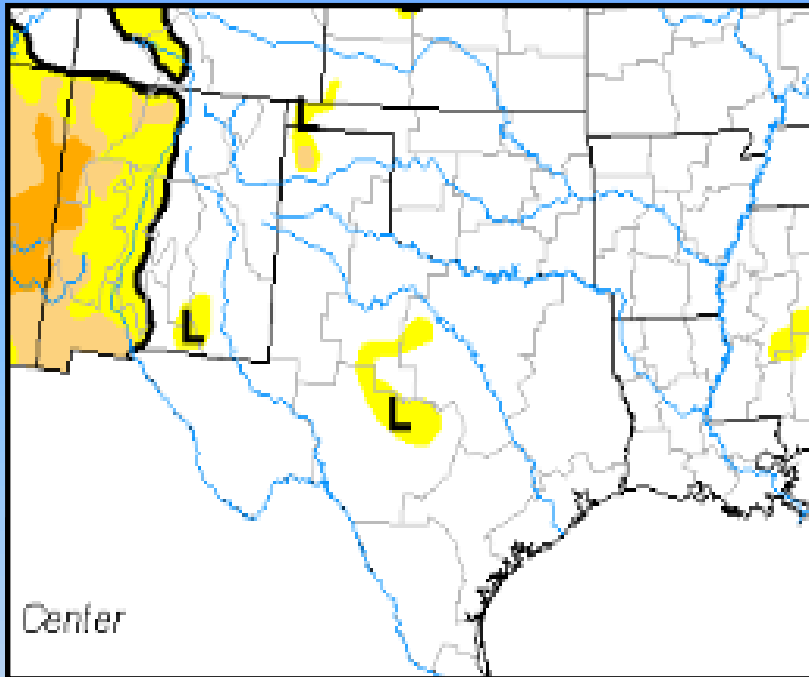
Thu AM - Tue AM





Drought Monitor Released July 9th, 2015

Data valid as of Tuesday July 7th, 2015



Drought Conditions (Percent Area) in D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)

State	Current	Last Week	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
Oklahoma	0.00%	0.00%	37.38%	30.05%
Texas	0.00%	0.00%	15.10%	18.36%
New Mexico	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	42.29%
Arkansas	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Louisiana	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

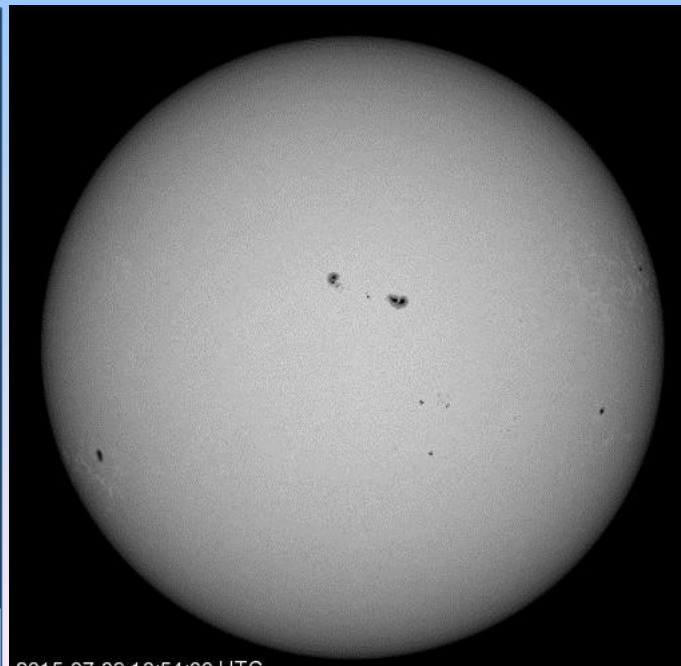
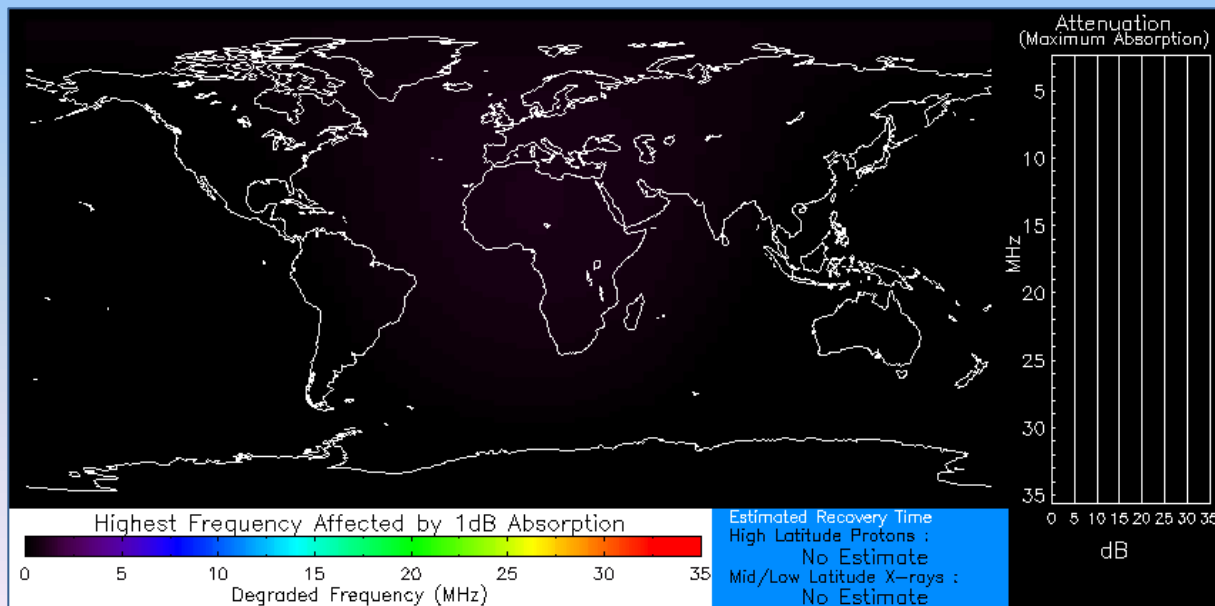
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Unsettled to Active (Max Kp = 4)	Minor Storm (G1) (Max Kp = 5)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	20%	20%	20%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	5%	5%	5%

[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

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